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SUBJECT: NARCOTICS: ALLEGED STATEMENT BY DEA OFFICIAL
CONCERNING TURKEY

REF: GENEVA 3153

1. APRIL 23 NEW YORK TIMES STORY ENTITLED "FRENCH
CONNECTION STAYS DOMINANT IN MARKET HERE," WHICH
APPARENTLY WAS BASE SOURCE FOR INTERNATIONAL HERALD
TRIBUNE ARTICLE OF APRIL 24, WAS DISCUSSED WITH CUSACK
OF DEA WHO WAS QUOTED THEREIN.

2. SHOULD YOU RECEIVE DEMARCHES AS ANTICIPATED PARA 3
REFTEL, YOU SHOULD NOTE THAT, NOT SURPRISINGLY IN VIEW
OF THE WELL KNOWN UACKGROUND OF EARLIER YEAR PRESENCE
IN NEW YORK AREA OF HEROIN DERIVED FROM TURKISH GROWN
OPIUM, THERE IS CONTINUED STRONG INTEREST IN THE PRESS
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AND PUBLIC HERE IN THE FACT OF RESUMPTION OF POPPY

CULTIVATION IN TURKEY. ACCORDINGLY, IT IS INEVITABLE THAT PRESS STORIES CONCERNING IT AND RELATED ASPECTS WILL APPEAR IN THIS COUNTRY FROM TIME TO TIME AND THAT USG OFFICIALS WILL BE QUERIED ON VARIOUS POINTS IN CONNECTION WITH THEIR PREPARATION.

3. IN SPECIFIC REFERENCE TO THE ARTICLE IN QUESTION, YOU MAY STATE THAT DEA SPOKESMAN INTERVIEWED (CUSACK) DID NOT REPEAT NOT AFFIRMATIVELY SUGGEST THAT THERE WOULD BE LEAKAGE FROM TURKEY. HIS QUOTED COMMENTS ON POSSIBLE MAGNITUDES WERE MADE IN CONNECTION WITH POSSIBILITIES WERE LEAKAGE TO OCCUR IN SPITE OF BEST EFFORTS WHICH WE ANTICIPATE OF GOVERNMENT OF TURKEY, WORKING WITH UNFDAC ASSISTANCE. SHOULD QUESTION ARISE AS TO WHAT US OFFICIAL POSITION IS, YOU MAY, OF COURSE, GIVE ASSURANCE THAT WE CONTINUE TO COUNT ON THE GOT, WHICH HAS GIVEN ITS SOLEMN WORD AND HAS AVAILABLE THE NEEDED RESOURCES, TO MEET ITS CONTROL RESPONSIBILITIES ADEQUATELY. KISSINGER

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